

Inquiries of the Ministry

Arctic Air Lines Limited, Edmonton; contract for approximately 12,947 square miles in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Air Surveys Limited, Edmonton; contract for approximately 10,740 square miles in Saskatchewan.

2. Survey Aircraft Limited, \$48,979.55; Arctic Air Lines Limited, \$55,741.96; Air Surveys Limited, \$48,067.87.

3. Yes.

4. Yes.

5. Survey Aircraft Limited, Vancouver; approximately \$15,093.60.

Air Surveys Limited, Edmonton; approximately \$61,221.60.

6. Yes.

So far as the Department of National Defence is concerned:

The Department of National Defence did not make any contracts for aerial photography work in the three western provinces in 1949.

EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**SITUATION IN KOREA—ACTION OF UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL**

On the orders of the day:

Mr. George A. Drew (Leader of the Opposition): I should like to direct a question to the Prime Minister or the Secretary of State for External Affairs. In view of the extremely serious situation which has developed over the week end in Korea, and the action of the security council of the United Nations, in which all of us are so deeply interested, will the Prime Minister or the Secretary of State for External Affairs inform the house as to any details which will be of assistance to us in appreciating the situation so far as Canada is concerned?

Hon. L. B. Pearson (Secretary of State for External Affairs): Mr. Speaker, I am not able to give a very full report on this matter at the present time. Information is continuing to come in. As hon. members know, we do not have our own representative in Korea; therefore for our information we rely on our representative at the United Nations, who is in close touch with the United Nations agencies concerned with this matter, and on friendly governments who are represented in Korea itself.

It appears, however, from the information which is now available that an unprovoked aggression has been committed by the forces of the government of North Korea, which we have not recognized, against the government of the republic of Korea. Information which would substantiate that statement has been

[Mr. Bradley.]

received by the United Nations secretary general from the United Nations commission stationed in Korea which has reported on this incident to Lake Success. As a result of that report, as hon. members know a meeting of the security council was called yesterday. At that meeting a resolution was passed by unanimous vote, nine to nothing, with Yugoslavia abstaining and the U.S.S.R. of course absent. Possibly I might put the resolution on record. It reads as follows:

The security council,

Recalling the finding of the general assembly in its resolution of 21st October, 1949, that the government of the Republic of Korea is a lawfully established government "having effective control and jurisdiction over that part of Korea where the United Nations temporary commission on Korea was able to observe and consult and in which the great majority of the people of Korea reside; and that this government is based on elections which were a valid expression of the free will of the electorate of that part of Korea and which were observed by the temporary commission; and that this is the only such government in Korea";

Mindful of the concern expressed by the general assembly in its resolutions of 12th December, 1948, and 21st October, 1949, of the consequences which might follow unless member states refrained from acts derogatory to the results sought to be achieved by the United Nations in bringing about the complete independence and unity of Korea; and the concern expressed that the situation described by the United Nations commission on Korea in its report menaces the safety and well-being of the Republic of Korea and of the people of Korea and might lead to open military conflict there;

Noting with grave concern the armed attack upon the Republic of Korea by forces from North Korea;

Determines that this action constitutes a breach of the peace,

I. Calls for the immediate cessation of hostilities; calls upon the authorities of North Korea to withdraw forthwith their armed forces to the thirty-eighth parallel;

II. Requests the United Nations commission on Korea

(a) to communicate its fully considered recommendation on the situation with the least possible delay;

(b) to observe the withdrawal of the North Korean forces to the thirty-eighth parallel;

(c) to keep the security council informed on the execution of this resolution;

III. Calls upon all members to render every assistance to the United Nations in the execution of this resolution and to refrain from giving assistance to the North Korean authorities.

That is the resolution passed by the security council yesterday. I feel certain that it will commend itself to all members of the house, and I hope that as a result of the intervention of the United Nations some effective action may be possible in this very difficult situation to restore peace to that area, having in view, as the security council itself has stated, that the action taken by the North Korean forces constitutes a breach of the peace, and in spite